



22 February 2026

The First Sunday of Lent Welcome to our services today

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
11am Snowdrop weekend continues until 4pm at St John's

Music: Organist St. John's: Keith Green, **Hymns: 121, 142, 128.**
Organist St. Mary's: Rosemary Nayyar, **Hymns: 67, 393, 302, 333.**
Anthem: Seek ye first

The Benefice Online Service: 'Meeting Point' is for you if you missed our services in church, or for further reflection during the week.

<https://www.stmaryhighamferrers.org/sunserv1>

Tues 24 1-3pm Knit & Natter at St John's
7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Mary's

Wed 25 10am Morning prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's
2pm Lent Course in the Bede House

Thur 26 10am Said Eucharist with coffee and chat to 12noon at St Mary's
7.30pm Lent Course in the Vicarage

Fri 27 *1pm onwards, Lumos Experiences setting up for and performances of The Music of Hans Zimmerman (in church & the Bede House)*

Sat 28 Farmers Market morning across St Mary's site with Bell Peal, Coffee & Cake in the Bede House and Recital in church.

Sunday 1 March 2026 The Second Sunday of Lent

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
10.30am All Age Eucharist at St Mary's

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore, just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always

to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children are welcome at all our Services in both churches, we have children's areas with colouring and toys and are looking at ways to better include them in all we do. We understand that some of our services can seem long to little ones, and it is absolutely fine if they need to wriggle or play or move around.

For your Prayers.

Our prayers have been asked for: Linda Bond, Robert Britchford, Jane Carpenter, Mary Coleman, Marian Cox, Pat Ellis, Peter Etheridge, Christine Franklin, Gill Headland, Sandra Hill, Kathy Jackson, Sarah Knight, Marion Knott, Sarah Martin, Sally Mayes, Peter Mitchell, Val Robinson, Elizabeth Swindley, Stewart Wiles, Clare Yorke. **St John's:** Jo Barrie, Pauline Brown, Hilary Goodman, Lesley Littlejohn, Brenda May, Lynn Redgate, Alison Smith.

In memoriam: Simon Wiles (funeral 24 Feb at 1pm in Weobly), Jacky Frost, Doreen Holyoak

Year's mind anniversaries: Lawrence Britchford, Ivy Pendered, Sidney Parnell, Ian white, Mabel Tilley, Avril Jephcote, Mary Kilsby, Stephen Hill, Mark Lovell, Nellie Grant, Frank Pridmore, Edward Wright, Dan Horsfield, Cecil Kilsby, Elsie Pack, Tony Norman, Phyllis Tipler, Jules Lienberger, Janet Boddington, Edward Mountford, Ivy Freeman, John Hill, Ivy Brown, Rufus Jephcote (Snr), Violet Sculthorpe, Rose Baxter, Herbert Fry (Priest), Lilian Pettit, Arthur Bates, John Martin, Arthur Batt, Gordon Allen, Andrew Spencer, Phyllis Lowder, Brenda Miles, Lilian Clark, Winifred Wilson, Alice Upton, Yvonne Burgon, Constance Johnson, Ernest Coker, Albert Dickens, Isabella Powell, William Pettit, Evelyn Hunt, Douglas Gilbert, William Maycock, Linda Johnson, Kenneth Smith, Leonard Meredith.

We also pray for Chelveston village, for the families, friends and neighbours directly affected by the recent tragic events, and for the whole community.

NOTICES

Lent Study Course –Stephen Cottrell's "The Things He Carried". For the first session please read Chapter 1 and bring something wooden along with you. It's not too late to join in, a sign-up list is in each church, or contact me. Mthr Louise.

ST. MARY'S We are heading into a strong music season at St Mary's, alongside our usual Sundays and Farmers Market Concerts. We are always looking for

other concerts or musical experiences, please do let us know of anyone you might like to see here and we'll see what we can do! Please do share the concerts, it's wonderful to see a full church of people enjoying live music.

Friday 27 February – A Hans Zimmer Candlelight Experience brought by Lumos Experiences. 5pm, 7pm, and 9pm concerts, a bar will be available. For tickets, with varied pricing, see the promoters website at fatso.ma/ZYW9

Saturday 7 March, The Messiah at 7pm. Organised by the Rotary Club and sung by the Northampton Bach Choir. Tickets £15, available online or from Sidey Design.

Sunday 22 March –The Kings Men, return for a concert at 7.30pm. Tickets are £20 and include a glass of wine. Tickets available through Sidey Design, or from Karen Holmes or Jane Jackson.

ST JOHN'S

Tea and Cakes, 2-4pm, 17 Mar. Knit and Natter, 1-3pm, 24 Feb, 24 Mar.

Snowdrop Weekend, Sat 21 10am to 4pm, and Sun 22 11am to 4pm.

Please try and car share if you can, the lane outside the church can become very congested. People with impaired mobility may be dropped off at the top of the drive but cars must then be parked outside on the road. Thank you.

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Please send enquiries by email if possible, and a reply will be sent as soon as our administrator Ria is next in the office.

Mthr Louise is off duty Monday 23 February